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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q63943

Takashi KATOH, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/842,086

Group Art Unit: 1752

Confirmation No.: 6947

Examiner: G. LETSCHER

Filed: April 26, 2001

For: METHINE DYE AND SILVER HALIDE PHOTOGRAPHIC LIGHT-  
SENSITIVE MATERIAL CONTAINING THE METHINE DYE

**STATUS INQUIRY RE CLAIMS 1-12**

**AND**

**REQUEST FOR INITIALED COPY OF PTO FORM 1449**

**MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner indicates that claims 13-20 are allowed. However, the Examiner does not indicate the status of claim 1-12. During prosecution of the present application, Applicants responded to a requirement for restriction by electing claims 13-20. That resulted in claims 1-12 being non-elected, without traverse.

The Examiner is requested to indicate the status of claims 1-12.

Status Inquiry and Request for Initialed 1449  
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Additionally, the Examiner indicated that a copy of the PTO Form 1449 (filed with the IDS filed April 26, 2001) was included with the Office Action dated December 6, 2002. However, Applicants' representatives did not received a copy of the initialed PTO Form 1449 with the Office Action. Applicants request a copy of the initialed PTO Form 1449.

If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, she is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local exchange number listed below.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

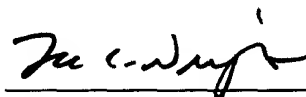
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